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ELECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of 15 June, 2004, applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-6. The examiner states that the combination does not require the particulars of the sub-combination, because "Group I neither recites nor requires the specific sub-combination of Group II." In fact, everything in Claim 7 is found, for example, in Claim 1, other than Claim 1 requiring a specific application. As such, it is submitted the restriction is improper at least as between Groups I and II.

Notably, it is submitted that the examination of Group II, Claims 7-12, would place no additional burden on the examiner. Thus, the examination of Claims 7-12 is requested.

However, applicant does elect Group I, Claims 1-6, with traverse. Examination is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,



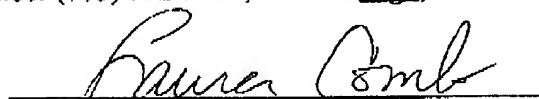
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